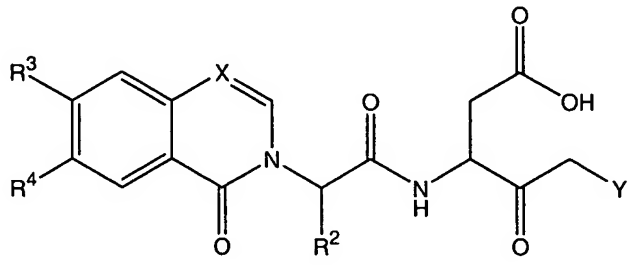
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A compound of formula **I**:



I

X is CH;

Y is halo, trifluorophenoxy, or tetrafluorophenoxy;

R^2 is C_{1-6} straight chained or branched alkyl;

R^3 is hydrogen, halo, OCF_3, CN, or CF_3; and

R^4 is hydrogen, halo, OCF_3, SR, CN, CF_3, Ar, or T-Ar; wherein:

T is O or S;

R is a C_{1-6} straight chained or branched alkyl;

Ar is a phenyl ring optionally substituted with 1-3 groups selected from halo, CH_3, CF_3, CN, OMe, OCF_3, and

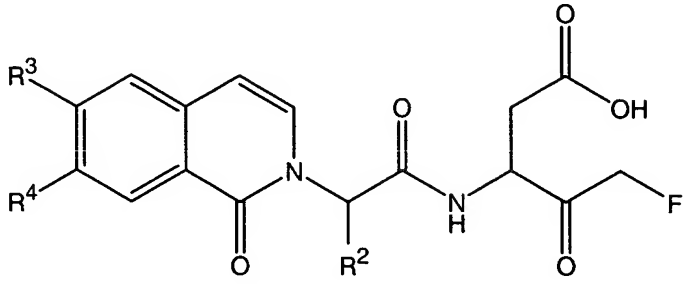
NR^5R^6; and

R^5 and R^6 each is independently H or C_{1-6} straight chained or branched alkyl, or R^5 and R^6, taken together, form a 5-7 membered ring optionally containing up to 3 heteroatoms selected from O, S, NH, and N(C_{1-6}-straight chained or branched alkyl); provided that when Y is halo, then both, R^3 and R^4, are not simultaneously hydrogen.

2. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R^2 is ethyl, n-propyl, or isopropyl.

3. (Original) The compound according to claim 2, wherein Y is F, trifluorophenoxy, or tetrafluorophenoxy.

4. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, having formula IA:



IA

wherein:

R^2 is ethyl, n-propyl, or isopropyl; and

R^3 and R^4 are each independently hydrogen, halo, OCF_3, CN, CF_3 or Ar, provided that both, R^3 and R^4, are not simultaneously hydrogen.

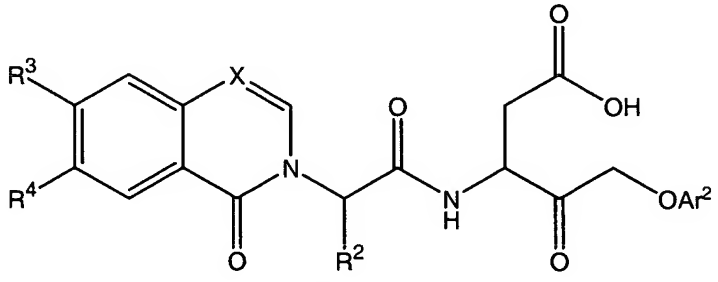
5. (Original) The compound according to claim 4, wherein R^2 is ethyl.

6. (Original) The compound according to claim 4, wherein R^3 is hydrogen.

7. (Original) The compound according to claim 4 or claim 5, wherein R^3 is H, and R^4 is F, Cl, CN, Ar, or CF_3.

8. (Original) The compound according to claim 7, wherein R^4 is Cl or CF_3.

9. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1, having the formula IB:



IB

wherein:

X is CH;

R^2 is ethyl, n-propyl, or isopropyl;

R^3 and R^4 are each independently hydrogen, halo, OCF_3, CN, or CF_3; and

Ar^2 is trifluorophenyl or tetrafluorophenyl.

10. (Original) The compound according to claim 9, wherein Ar^2 is 2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyl.

11. (Original) The compound according to claim 9, wherein R^2 is ethyl.

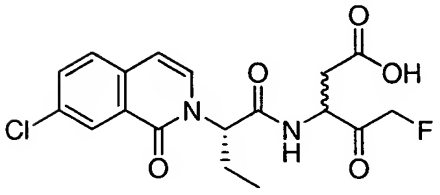
12. (Original) The compound according to claim 9, wherein X is CH.

13. (Original) The compound according to claim 12, wherein R^4 is Cl or CF_3.

14. (Original) The compound according to any one of claims 9-12, wherein R^3 is H, and R^4 is F, Cl, or CF_3.

15-19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously presented) The compound of claim 1, selected from:



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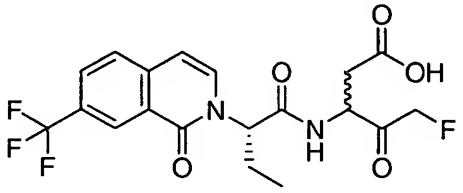

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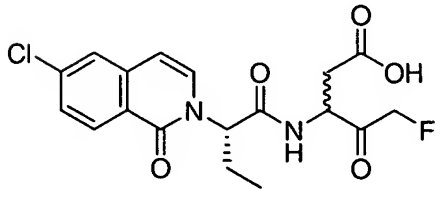

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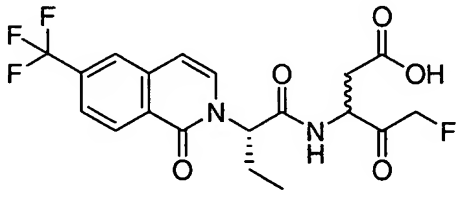

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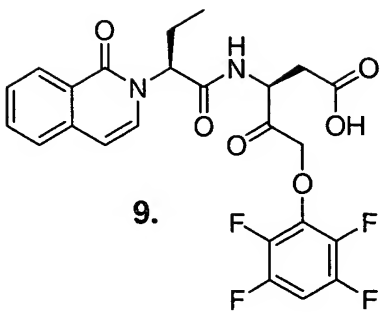

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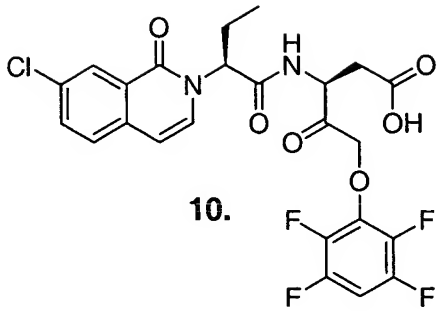

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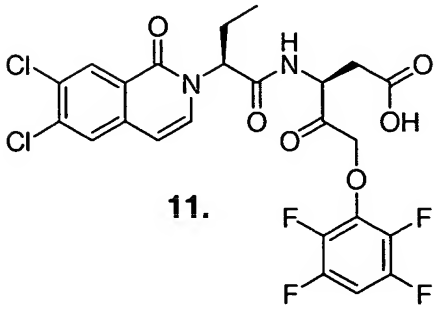

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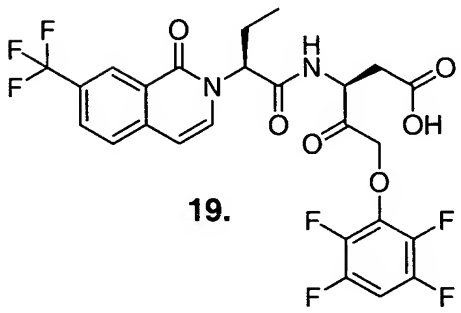

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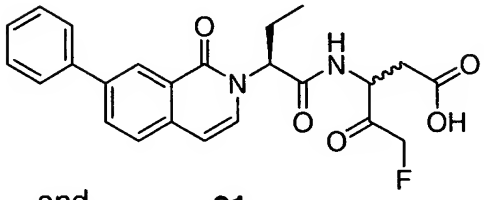


and 21.

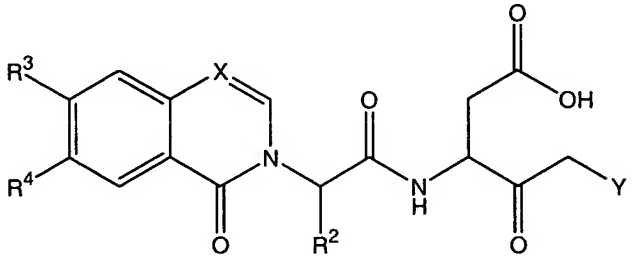
21. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

a) a compound according to claim 1; and

b) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, adjuvant or vehicle.

22-30. (Canceled)

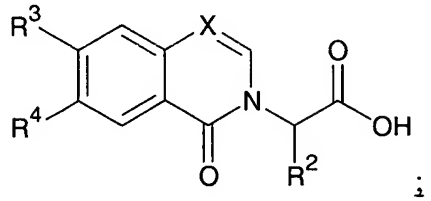
31. (Previously presented) A method of preparing a compound of formula I,



I

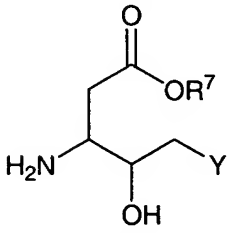
said method comprising:

reacting an acid or acid derivative of formula II,



II

with an amino alcohol of formula B, to provide a compound of formula III,



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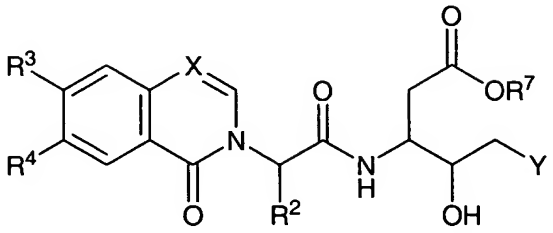


III; and

converting intermediate III to compound I, wherein;

X is CH;

Y is halo, trifluorophenoxy, or tetrafluorophenoxy;

R^2 is a C_{1-6} straight chained or branched alkyl;

R^3 is hydrogen, halo, OCF_3, CN, or CF_3; and

R^4 is hydrogen, halo, OCF_3, SR, CN, CF_3, Ar, or T-Ar; wherein:

T is O or S;

R is a C_{1-6} straight chained or branched alkyl;

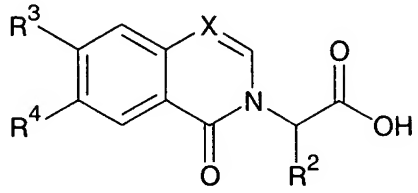
Ar is a phenyl ring optionally substituted with 1-3 groups selected from halo, CH_3, CF_3, CN, OMe, OCF_3, and NR^5R^6;

R^5 and R^6 each is independently H or C_{1-6} straight chained or branched alkyl, or R^5 and R^6, taken together, form a 5-7 membered ring optionally containing up to 3 heteroatoms selected from O, S, NH, and N(C_{1-6} straight chained or branched alkyl); and

R^7 is a suitable protecting group;

provided that when Y is halo, then both, R^3 and R^4, are not simultaneously hydrogen.

32. (Previously presented) A compound of formula IIA:



IIA

wherein;

X is CH;

R^2 is a C_{1-6} straight chained or branched alkyl;

R^3 is hydrogen, halo, OCF_3, CN, or CF_3; and

R^4 is hydrogen, halo, OCF_3, SR, CN, CF_3, Ar, or T-Ar; wherein:

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R is a C_{1-6} straight chained or branched alkyl;

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NR^5R^6; and

R^5 and R^6 each is independently H or C_{1-6} straight chained or branched alkyl, or R^5 and R^6, taken together, form a 5-7 membered ring optionally containing up to 3 heteroatoms selected from O, S, NH, and N(C_{1-6}-straight chained or branched alkyl).

33. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim ~~31 or~~ 32 wherein R^2 is ethyl or isopropyl.